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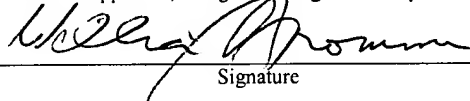
Applicant(s) : Tetsujiro KONDO et al. Notice of Allowance  
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For : **IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD,  
AND STORAGE MEDIUM THEREFOR**  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.312**

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Dear Sir:

Following the Notice of Allowance mailed February 7, 2005, please amend the  
claims of this application as follows: